

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 17 May 58	2. LOCATION Kisalon, Mindanao, Phillipine		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local 8:15 GMT 17/1015Z	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar		
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE Civilian		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION less than 1 min	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one	9. COURSE North	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING A very bright silvery bluish rnd obj giving off sharp rays all around, more brilliant than Venus. It seemed to linger in the small up curve & then dash down again. Covered 90 deg arc in less than 1 min.		11. COMMENTS Meteor sighting fluctuation in path being attributed to atmospheric conditions.	

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### Sighting of Unidentified Flying Object

SUMMARY: Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text. (AF Form 112, unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies.)

This report transmits an account concerning the sighting of an unidentified flying object observed by Father Misacker, Society of Jesuits, near Kisalon, Mindanao (8°20'N - 124°53'E) on 17 May 1953, and reports results of investigation by Armed Forces of Philippines (AFP) of sighting reported by IR-50-58.

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- ① Ground
- ② subsonic - bluish
- ③ gave off rays
- ④ time: just after sun behind horizon
- ⑤ moved up and down - moved away just - stopped - longish - then dashed away

Conclusions: all above balloon characteristics (when sun on a behind horizon) and memories

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*Prob. Balloon*  
*Don't make through check in overseas areas*

## SUPPLEMENT TO AF FORM 112

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OAIRA, Manila, Philippines

IR-92-58

1. Quoted herewith is extract of letter from Father [redacted] who resides at [redacted], Mindanao (8°20'N - 124°58'E), to Father Hennessey, Director of the Manila Observatory, Baguio.

"At about 8:15 (May 17) p.m. I stood on the little platform at the head of the back stairs to admire the starry heavens and behold, there came out of the western sky, due west in the ecliptic (zodiac), southern part, a very bright, silvery bluish round body giving off sharp rays all around, more brilliant than Venus. And this was its apparent course:

Perhaps 40° altitude

Disappeared from my view behind Paliapan Mt. Head.

There was no sign of a trail or light streak behind. It moved away very fast but it seemed to stop or linger in the small up curve and then dash down again. The mountain head, perhaps 1,200 feet above our plain, is only 2 kilometers directly west, so it cut off sight completely. The direction was SW-NE. If it is true that such phenomena are within 50 miles I thought many would notice it. It seems to me a meteor could not follow such a course. The whole phenomenon was over in more or less a minute."

2. The following comments were made by Father [redacted] in forwarding the above to this office:

a. The angle reported by Father [redacted] fits perfectly to the degree of description, the directions taken by the known Russian satellites.

b. It is reported that the Russians are using a re-entry technique which comes in horizontal and produces a skip. It seems that properly designed fins on a rocket would produce the pattern observed. There would be a slowing down as the vehicle rose in the atmosphere due to the encounter with atmospheric particles. It would then descend again.

c. That Father [redacted] should be the one to observe or rather to be in a position to observe another 'phenomenon' is quite reasonable if these vehicles are originating from the same place."

## COMMENTS of Preparing Officer:

3. Father [redacted] was interviewed by personnel of this office on 18 February 1958 concerning the sighting reported in IR-50-58. Although an elderly man he appeared active physically and mentally. His training and experience are such as to make him a qualified observer.

4. The AFP sent ground observation teams into the general area described in IR-50-58 but located no debris and learned no additional information concerning the October 1957 sighting.

Clues = note time

this took place - everything

Here is typically balloon character

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